

ASSEMBLY BILL

No. 978

Introduced by Assembly Member Negrete McLeod

February 20, 2003

An act to amend Section 710.8 of the Unemployment Insurance Code, relating to the California State University, and making an appropriation therefor.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

AB 978, as introduced, Negrete McLeod. California State University: disability benefits.

Existing law establishes the California State University and its various campuses under the administration of the Trustees of the California State University. Existing law authorizes the trustees to elect to become employers whose employees are eligible for payment of disability benefits from the continuously appropriated Unemployment Compensation Disability Fund, provided that the election is the result of a negotiated agreement between the trustees and a recognized employee organization.

This bill would require, rather than authorize, the trustees to elect to become employers whose employees are eligible for payment of disability benefits from the Unemployment Compensation Disability Fund. The bill would also provide that this eligibility for disability benefits could occur as a result of an election held by a recognized employee organization as well as through a negotiated agreement.

By increasing the pool of potential recipients from, and potential contributors into, a continuously appropriated fund, this bill would make an appropriation.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: yes. Fiscal committee: yes.
State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 710.8 of the Unemployment Insurance
2 Code is amended to read:
3 710.8. (a) (1) The Trustees of the California State
4 University, as defined as an employer in Section 3562 of the
5 Government Code, ~~may~~ *shall* elect to become an employer subject
6 to Part 2 (commencing with Section 2601) with respect to all
7 employees who are part of an appropriate unit established pursuant
8 to Chapter 12 (commencing with Section 3560) of Division 4 of
9 Title 1 of the Government Code, provided the election is the result
10 of a negotiated agreement between the Trustees of the California
11 State University and ~~the~~ *a* recognized employee organization of
12 *the university*, as those terms are defined in Section 3562 of the
13 Government Code, *or is approved through an election held by a*
14 *recognized employee organization of the university in accordance*
15 *with the election procedures set forth in Section 3577 of the*
16 *Government Code.*
17 ~~The~~
18 (2) *The Trustees of the California State University* ~~Trustees~~
19 *may also* elect to provide coverage to its management and
20 confidential employees and to its employees who are not a part of
21 an appropriate unit, provided that the election is not contingent
22 upon coverage of other employees of the *Trustees of the California*
23 *State University* ~~Trustees~~.
24 (b) Upon filing of the election, the filing entity shall, upon
25 approval by the director, become an employer subject to Part 2
26 (commencing with Section 2601) to the same extent as other
27 employers, and services performed by its employees, including
28 those with civil service or tenure positions, who are subject to an
29 election under this section shall constitute employment subject to
30 that part.
31 (c) Sections 986 and 2903 apply to an employer making an
32 election pursuant to this section.

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